Pacific School of Religion,
1798 Scenic Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.
C

Pacific School of Religion Berkeley, Calif.

Pacific School of Religion Berkeley, Calif.

# The Pacific

86th Year | JANUARY, 1936 | 51 | No. 1

## Pastors' Conference

The sixteenth annual Pastoral Conference of the Pacific School of Religion will be held at the University Christian Church in Berkeley January 21 to 24. The annual course of Earl Lectures will also be given in connection with the Pastoral Conference by Professor Arthur H. Compton, LL.D., head of the Ryerson Laboratory at the University of Chicago. The topic of Dr. Compton's lectures will be "The Freedom of Man."

Dr. Compton received the Nobel prize for physics in 1927, and the gold medal of the Radiological Society of North America in 1928. He received the degree of LL.D. from the University of California in 1930. He discovered the change in wave lengths of X-rays and directed the world cosmic ray survey in 1931-33.

The first two lectures will be delivered in Wheeler Hall, on the campus of the University of California, on the evenings of January 20 and 21, and the remaining two lectures will be given in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. The lectures will be broadcast over KRE.

Professor Gregory Vlastos of Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, will give an afternoon lecture at the Conference, and will conduct a round table on the subject, "Moral and Intellectual Problems Arising Out of the Christian Faith in Love." Dr. Vlastos graduated from Hobart College and the Chicago Theological Seminary, and took his degree in philosophy at Harvard University.

Round tables will be given also by members of the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion and others. There will be devotional hours of worship and fellowship gatherings of denominational groups.

An interesting and valuable conference is anticipated. The conference is interdenominational and ministers of all denominations are cordially invited.

## THAT CHRISTMAS FUND

Final report of the Christmas Fund, contributed annually to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, has not been received from the New York office. However, several days before Christmas a check was received by the Conference which made possible a very substantial gift to each of our pensioners. While there is some variation in the amounts sent out, due to varying needs, the gift to ministers averabed about $40.00 each, and that to widows about $32.00. That which reaches the New York office too late for distribution is held in an emergency fund, from which special grants are made during the year.

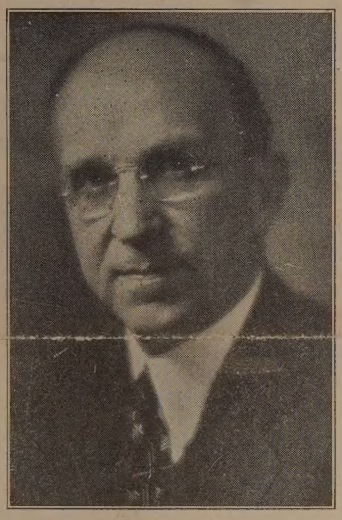
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16-17—Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women.
January 21-24—Pastoral conference, Pacific School of Religion.
February 11—Annual meeting, Bay Association, First Congregational Church, Oakland.
April 12—Easter Sunday.
June 16-24—General Council of Congregational-Christian churches, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.
July 25 to August 1—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 20-22—Annual meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference.

## BAY CHURCHES ANNUAL MEET

The annual meeting of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches, which has come to be an event of major significance to the churches of the Bay area, has been postponed until Tuesday, February 11.

It will be held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland. A business session for delegates will convene at 4:30 in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at 6:30, to which attendance will be limited to three hundred, price 50c per plate. (Quotas will be sent to the churches by a committee of laymen, headed by Mr. George S. Martin.) Music will be furnished by the young people's choir of Park Church, Berkeley.



BISHOP JAMES C. BAKER
Speaker for Bay Association

The address of the evening will be delivered by Bishop James Chamberlain Baker of the Methodist Church. Bishop Baker, who was elected to his high office in 1928, was assigned to the San Francisco area in 1932. For twenty-one years he was pastor of the Trinity Church of Urbana, Ill., where he organized and headed up the Wesley Foundation of the State University. He has held many high positions in his denomination and in inter-denominational organizations, and since coming to San Francisco, has greatly endeared himself not only to his own church but to all who know him.

The plans have been arranged by the Program Committee, under the leadership of Rev. Tom Watt, the moderator.

### YOUNG PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

The 1936 Mid-Winter Conference of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California was held January 3-5 at Plymouth Church, Oakland. A committee of young people, assisted by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, and Miss Lucile Shackelford, had the plans in charge. The addresses and discussions centered around the general theme, "Christian Youth Building a New World." The list of speakers included Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Mr. Arthur Casaday, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, and Professor C. E. Rugh. The closing sermon was delivered by Rev. T. T. Giffen. At an exploration session the young people checked a list of questions in which they were interested. About ten seminar groups were organized, with young people acting as discussion leaders and with a number of our Northern California ministers attending with source material. A total of 123 were registered from 18 churches. The conference was unique in the fact that responsibility for most of the work was accepted by the young people themselves. Mr. Bob Nelson was Conference chairman. Ten young people acted as discussion leaders, and others served on various committees.

It was decided that the Asilomar Conference in the summer of 1936 shall be planned by a committee of young people, with the cooperation of Rev. Fred R. Morrow as co-chairman.

Dr. Leonard Wilbur, describing the liveliness of little Ruth, writes, "Getting her clothed is like trying to paint a picture on a humming bird's wing." This is worthy of the column "Toward a More Picturesque Speech."

## MY CHURCH AND MYSELF

**BEFORE I was born MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.**
**In childhood MY CHURCH joined my parents in teaching me of Christ and of salvation in His name.**
**MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with the Romance of Religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught become radiant, insistent and inescapable.**
**In the stress and storm of adolescence MY CHURCH heard the surge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.**
**When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.**
**When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.**
**When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and wooingly She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.**
**Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.**
**MY CHURCH calls me to Her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help Her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.**

**—William Henry Boddy, D.D.**

## ARE WE FOR WAR?

Tabulations of the Peace Plebiscite are going forward at the offices of the Council for Social Action in New York. At last reports more than 150,000 ballots had been counted. About six per cent of the voters state that they will support any war which the United States Government will declare. Fifteen per cent go to the opposite pole and say that they will support no war which the United States Government may declare. Thirty-three per cent will support only a war in which the United States' territory has been invaded, whereas forty per cent will support only a war which is declared by the United States after making the utmost use of every agency for peace. Only about three per cent voted to support a war declared by the United States Government against an internationally recognized aggressor.

As to practical programs for peace, membership in the League of Nations is opposed in the proportion of about five to four, but consultation with other nations in support of the Kellogg Pact and other peace agreements is supported by a vote of about seven to one, and national isolation through strict neutrality legislation is favored by about three to two. Probably the most radical proposal of all, namely, more equal distribution of world resources and markets, is favored by five to one. A larger army, navy, and air force is opposed by about four votes to three. Abolition of compulsory military training is favored by a little less than two to one, while government control of the munition industries is favored by the overwhelming vote of nine to one.

A much larger proportion of men over 35 years of age vote to support any war which the government may declare than those under 35. Professional groups and farmers are the strongest supporters of a smaller army, navy, and air force, and they also vote heaviest against supporting the government in any war.

### OFFICIAL APPRECIATION

"Our American friends," said Lord Clarendon, Governor-General of the Union of South Africa in his speech at the 100th anniversary of the American Zulu Mission at Adams, South Africa, last June. Lord Clarendon sent his message because a change in date, due to inclement weather, prevented his being there in person as he had planned. Her Excellency, the Countess of Clarendon, opened the Agricultural Show. "This mission has a wonderful record," said His Excellency. Commenting on the future policy of the Board as one of gradual withdrawal and the handing on of the torch to South Africans, both European and Bantu, Lord Clarendon declared: "I cannot conclude without paying a warm tribute to our American friends for the great achievements accomplished in the past 100 years expressing at the same time the belief that the new torch bearers will continue the good work begun by them with the same wonderful spirit of keenness and self-sacrifice."

We have not passed this way before;
The years we've spent return no more.
But once we live this fateful hour;
But once we grasp its mystic power

—Henry Stauffer

V.36-40
1936-40
94820



**The Pacific**
Established 1851

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the San Francisco Post Office

Subscriptions, 25 cents in Advance

Published monthly (except July and August) by the Northern California Congregational Conference, 1164 Phelan Building, 760 Market Street, San Francisco

Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized September 11, 1932.

Address all communications and checks to THE PACIFIC, 1164 Phelan Building.

Harley H. Gill, Editor

Congregational Headquarters
Northern California
1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco

## N. AND S. CALIFORNIA PROGRAM FOR C. S. A.

The Councils for Social Action of the Northern and Southern California Congregational Conferences met in joint session at the Hotel Sequoia, Fresno, December 30 and 31. The meeting had been arranged by Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento and Rev. Lowell Young of San Bernardino, who believe that California may have problems requiring special attention which the National Council for Social Action is unable to give. The better part of two days was spent in earnest consideration of the issues before churches and Christian people in industrial, interracial, international, political and economic fields. It was decided that suggestions be made to the churches of California of certain principles which should have universal support:

1. We are agreed in opposing the subversive, un-American, extra-legal methods of settling labor disputes.

2. We are agreed that Vigilantism is self-defeating, and we offer our services in arbitration of disputes and in setting up legitimate labor organizations competent to undertake contractual agreements before crises arise.

3. We believe that every effort should be made to speed up and uphold law enforcement and to strengthen present laws in accordance with the Constitution of the United States.

4. We recommend to the churches a study of the liquor question—the effects of repeal, and possible methods of control.

5. We hold that the church from its nature is supernational, and that in every situation our first allegiance is to God.

6. We believe there is a Christian basis for the solution of all social problems, which rules out the methods used by both Communists and Vigilantes.

7. We hold that the seminars of the General Council of Congregational Churches will render more effective service by preparing questions for plebiscites to be circulated among our churches than by offering resolutions.

The joint Councils for Social Action earnestly suggest the formation of councils or committees on social action or social service within each local church.

It is suggested that study groups be formed within the church, and that we offer as suggestions the following subjects for such studies:

1. Alcohol.
2. Motion Pictures.
3. Juvenile Delinquency.
4. Courts and Law Procedures.
5. Infringement of human and Constitutional liberties.
6. Insanity—its increase and treatment.
7. Medical and hospital care.
8. Unemployment.
9. Prison Reform.
10. Relief.
11. Old-Age Security.
12. Cooperatives.
13. Peace and War.
14. Race Problems.
15. The Menace of Communism and Fascism.
16. Industrial Relations.
17. Child Labor.
18. America's Way Out—Which?
    a. Economic Individualism;
    b. Communism;
    c. Socialism;
    d. Fascism;
    e. Reformed Capitalism.

The Councils for Social Action suggest as sources of material:

1. The magazine "Social Action," with its appended bibliographies.

2. The American Primers, published by the University of Chicago.

3. Information Service of the Federal Council of Churches.

4. Publications of the Foreign Policy Association.

It is further suggested that churches build up circulating libraries on social questions, charging five cents per week for the reading of books, the proceeds to go to the purchase of more books.

It is suggested that our churches follow up the Peace Plebiscite by urging senators and congressmen to vote for Governmental control of the munitions industries and to oppose compulsory military training in our schools and land grant colleges.

## REV. ARTHUR BUNCE

December 8, 1935, saw the closing of the earthly chapter of life for Rev. Arthur Bunce of Saratoga.

Mr. Bunce was an English Congregational clergyman, who had held one long pastorate in England and one short one in California before illness interrupted his chosen work.

He was born in Halifax, England, studied in Edinburgh University, Scotland, and took his divinity course in United College, Bradford, England. He was ordained in 1913, and soon after was married to Miss Evelyn Marguerite Anderson of Scotland. They served together in a rich ministry for about a dozen years in Newport, Fife, Scotland. Coming to California in 1924, Mr. Bunce became pastor of our Rio Vista church. But within a year or two, illness intervened, and for the past decade, nursed by his marvelously faithful wife, in San Mateo, Los Gatos and Saratoga, he has struggled to regain health that he might resume the pulpit and pastoral work; but it was not to be.

Mr. Bunce was a cultured English gentleman, greatly loved in his former pastorates, and, in his more recent years, under the handicap of ill-health, in several communities. He was a member of the Saratoga Federated Church, and in that church his funeral was held on December 10.

## Williston Wirt to New Field

Rev. Williston Wirt, a member of our Northern California Congregational Conference, has been called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of Eugene, Ore., and will take up his duties February 1. Mr. Wirt, who is a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion, has served for a number of years as director of religious education and young people's work at the St. John's Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. He has found time to assist in our Congregational fellowship. He was director of recreation at Asilomar in 1934, and has been a member of the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, and secretary of the Bay Congregational Ministers' Club. He will be missed by his California friends, but all who know him rejoice in this splendid opportunity that has come to him.

# ADDITIONAL CHURCH NEWS

**OAKLAND, PILGRIM.** Rev. Horton Colbert, the pastor, spoke twice during Thanksgiving week in Hayward, first on the Sunday evening and then at the union service on the night before Thanksgiving. "Overcoming fear in a new world" was the theme followed in a series of sermons on three Sunday mornings, before Christmas, in his own pulpit.

**SAN LORENZO, UNION.** After more than seven years of service, Rev. Clarence E. Robinson has resigned the pastorate of this church. Dr. Robinson came to San Lorenzo from Cupertino, Calif. He has also held pastorates at Lockeford, Grass Valley, and Petluma. His plans for the future have not yet been announced.

**ANGELS CAMP.** Three new members were received during the month, all adults, coming on confession of faith, who will be of great help. The year closes with satisfactory financial results, practically the full budget for 1935 having been raised and expended. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin is the pastor.

**FAIRFAX.** The largest attendance at Christmas Sunday school exercises in years enjoyed the splendid program. The Dorcas Society gave forty-three baskets of fruit to the County Farm. Rev. C. L. Mears, the pastor, writes that there are good prospects for a number of accessions before Easter.

**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.** The young people presented a Christmas play the Sunday evening before Christmas and a candlelight service the Sunday night before New Year. Rev. W. R. Steininger is serving as stated supply.

**REDWOOD CITY.** An annual Christmas vesper concert by orchestra and choir was given the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. An old-fashioned Christmas tree with treat for the children was prepared by the Fellowship of Youth. Rev. Norman Pendleton is pastor.

**BERKELEY, NORTH.** At a very beautiful communion service the first Sunday in January, a lovely hand-carved altar was dedicated. This altar which is of oak, is carved in a manner worthy of old country craftsmen, the design being that of the vine with cluster of grapes. Two wooden candelabra were also dedicated, as was a beautiful cross hand-carved from oak. The work was done by one of the members of the church, who prefers that his name be not published. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

**SOQUEL.** The roofs of both church and parsonage have been repaired and painted, and insurance premium for three years has been paid. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, has made more than 400 calls during the year. She teaches an adult class of more than 20, and has a home department of about 30. More than $500 was made by the women of the church, which is a remarkable record for a small community.

**SACRAMENTO.** Heavy financial losses, resulting from the death of contributing members during the year, will be more than offset by additional and enlarged subscriptions which have been made in the Every Member Canvass, under the leadership of Mr. David Gill, director of the canvass.

Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, will attend the Mid-Winter Meetings at Evanston, as a member of the Council for Social Action.

**BERKELEY, ARLINGTON HOUSE.** Forty-one meetings were held in the house during December. An original pageant, directed by Mrs. Richard Bates, one of the Sunday school teachers, was given by the children on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. The floors of the house have been refinished by volunteer labor from the Senior Forum. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr is the director.

**LODI.** The Chest of Joash was used on Sunday morning, December 15, in which pledge cards for the coming year's budget were deposited by the members of the congregation. A pageant with sixty characters was given on Sunday evening, December 22, under the direction of Mrs. Amy Bean of Santa Cruz. Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman, wife of the pastor, recently suffered a slight accident necessitating her confinement to the hospital.

**ADIN.** The repairs on the parsonage are rapidly approaching completion; new sills and foundation, new roof, new porch, new front door, new floors and windows, with plumbing and running water installed for the first time. The building is now as good as new, and will make a very comfortable home, much to the delight of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, and his wife.

**SAN CARLOS.** Large and inspiring congregations were present at both services on the Sunday before Christmas. In spite of greatly increased budget for 1935, the year will close with only a slight deficit which, according to the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cherington, will be made up the early part of January.

**FRESNO, FIRST.** 1935 has been the best year in the history of the church in the number of new members, a total of sixty having been received into fellowship. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is the pastor.

## A GARDEN'S MESSAGE

*The following lines were written by Rev. Robert G. Harbutt following a severe illness at Canandaigua, N. Y., where he now makes his home. Mr. Harbutt is remembered with great affection by many people in California, where he served so prominently and effectively.*

* * *

I went into my garden
  On a dewy summer morn
To view the opening splendor
  Of the day just newly born,
And gossip with the flowers
  New wakened to the dawn.

The roses gave their fragrance,
  The pansies laughed with glee,
The bees among the blossoms
  The birds in every tree,
And all the garden flowers
  Seemed glad to welcome me.

My heart felt great contentment,
  A strange and heavenly peace,
As if the quiet whisperings
  Had bid all trouble cease
And, all the ills forgotten,
  Had brought my soul release.

I thanked the Great Creator
  That midst the toil and pain,
To which the world of labor
  Must call me back again,
The memory of the garden
  Would through the day remain.

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

**OAKLAND, FIRST.** A victory of first magnitude was achieved by this church in connection with the celebration of its 75th anniversary. Following the suggestion of one member that an effort be made to raise $7,500 for the reduction of the building indebtedness, a quiet solicitation was made for gifts to the church. These exceeded the wildest expectations of all concerned and resulted in cash contributions totaling $12,000.00.

Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, preached the anniversary sermon on December 8. On Monday evening, the 9th, messages were read from former pastors, and two former associate pastors were present and brought greetings, namely Rev. Ralph C. Waddell and Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt. An historical panorama, entitled "Our Church and Our Country," written and directed by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Seely, told the story of the church from its organization to the present day. A number of the scenes were like beautiful tableaux and not a few of the characters, having to do with the history of the church, were played by themselves.

One hundred and two members were received into the church during the year, up to December 9th. The entire Conference rejoices in the opportunity to congratulate the church and wish it God's richest blessing.

**TRINITY COUNTY.** A Christmas play, written by a member of the Hayfork church, was given at Weaverville. The church was crowded, and some were turned away. The offering was given to Religious Work at the University of California. A huge crowd also attended the Hayfork Christmas program.

A great deal of clothing from missionary boxes, sent by churches of the Conference, has been distributed. Rains and snow have made the roads impassable lately. A new high school boys' class has been started at Weaverville. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

**COTATI.** Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson is announcing his resignation, to take effect at the end of February. This is done in order to accept the unanimous call of the Bay Shore Church of Long Beach. Mr. Gabrielson has served the Cotati church for about three and one-half years, during most of which time he was a student at the Pacific School of Religion. Since last June he has been in charge of the Methodist Church at Penn Grove. It will be with many regrets that his congregations accept his resignation. During the closing days of his pastorate he is engaged in a vigorous effort to raise the budgets of the two churches for the coming year.

**PORTERVILLE.** A glorious Christmas season was enjoyed by the church, with attendance ranging from 125 to 225. Hundreds of gifts of clothing, food, books and toys were made for the needy. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, in addition to his church work, spoke during the month to the Lion's Club, the Women's Club, the Junior College, High School Hi-Y, and two Parent-Teacher Associations.

**OROVILLE.** This church and its pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, were deeply moved by the announcement of a liberal bequest in the will of the late Lewis Lincoln Green, Oroville banker. According to the terms of the bequest, the sum of $5,000 is to be held as "The Kate Green Memorial Trust Fund," the income from which will be for the upkeep and improvement of the property.

**SANTA CRUZ.** Never has this church seen such a tide of enthusiastic support as that which caused Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, to reconsider his recent resignation. Having been in Santa Cruz about seven years, Dr. Mahood had decided to accept the call to the Pittsburg church, but Santa Cruz would not listen to it and declined to accept the resignation by unanimous vote of two hundred members who were present. The City Council, the Police Department, and other churches, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, united in protest against his leaving. At the evening service on the same Sunday he announced his intention to remain at Santa Cruz, he was given a brief vacation to enjoy a much-needed rest before undertaking the work of the new year. Dr. Mahood is especially well equipped for the ministry, being a graduate of Toronto University, and having done post graduate work at Oxford and at the University of Munich.

**OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH.** In order to close the year without deficit, Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, with the assistance of the Women's Association, planned and carried through a five dollar dinner. Nearly a hundred men enjoyed an excellent program, consisting of musical numbers by radio artists, and an interview with Chester Rowell. As a result about $550.00 was turned into the treasury. Added to this the church received a thank offering of about $433.00.

Dr. Giffen plans to attend the Mid-Winter Meetings at Evanston as a member of the board of directors of the Homeland societies.

**PETALUMA.** A play, "Neighbors," presented by a group of junior high school girls, and a Nativity pageant in which the scholars gave gifts for poor families, were the special features of the Sunday school program given in the Petaluma church on the evening of December 22. At the same service the school orchestra gave its first performance.

At the annual meeting the first of December, the church adopted a three-year plan, working toward increased attendance and accomplishment. Rev. R. C. Waddell is pastor.

**MARTINEZ.** After eight years of fruitful service, Rev. Harvey V. Miller has resigned, to take effect the end of January. Mr. Miller came to the leadership of this church immediately upon the completion of the new church building. The membership of the church has been increased and the building debt substantially reduced. The church has come to a position of splendid influence in the community, the Association, and the Conference. At the time of going to press the church had not acted upon the resignation, and Mr. Miller had not announced his plans for the future.

**BERKELEY, PARK.** On the Sunday before Christmas the choir of this church, which is the pride and joy of the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, gave him a very unique surprise. The director of the choir, Mr. Quaife, and his daughter, took two of the Ballads of Galilee written by Mr. Watt and set them to music. The plan had been kept an entire secret until they were used as special numbers during the service.

**SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR.** Rev. J. H. McCartney believes that the work of the church and its organizations is in unusually good condition, and promises for 1936 the best year in several.

**LOOMIS.** Capacity houses greeted the Christmas festivities at Loomis this year. The grammar school glee club and choruses from the younger groups of the Bible school participated both in the Sunday morning service and the Monday evening pageant of the Nativity. The most outstanding feature of the celebration, and the one on which most people commented, was a verse speaking choir composed of high school students. They have been under the training of Mrs. H. J. Loken, wife of the pastor, for a number of weeks and their work was very effective. This choir will be a permanent feature in the Sunday worship.

After the candle-lit pageant, nearly two hundred people adjourned to the basement of the church for an informal Christmas party with refreshments served by the ladies of the church.

**TULARE.** Before an audience overtaxing the seating facilities of the church, a unique candle-light service was presented Sunday evening before Christmas. Christmas carols could be heard faintly, played by a brass quartet in the parsonage nearby. Thirty-five young people, robed in black and carrying lighted candles, marched in to the processional hymn. Candles were lighted during a number of delightful musical selections. Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments participated in the program. After adjournment, the audience congregated on the lawn for the illumination of a beautifully decorated living Christmas tree. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor of the church. The Christmas program was directed by Mrs. Rice.

**OAKLAND, PILGRIM.** Rev. Horton R. Colbert, who has been pastor of this church for four years, is about to bring his term of leadership to a close. His resignation, which was announced some months ago, is to take effect with the annual meeting the third week of January. Mr. Colbert has been active in city-wide affairs, and has spoken with great acceptability before many groups in Oakland. He has been closely in touch with Mills College, and active in many organizations for human betterment. He has endeared himself to all who know him, as a man of spiritual insight and deep personal devotion.

**SEBASTOPOL.** The Every-Member Canvass, under the leadership of Mr. Shull, principal of the high school, met with better results this year than for several years past. It did not quite reach the goal, but a good deal more than some folks expected. The official board appointed themselves members of the canvassing committee, and each chose a teammate. All met at the church for lunch after morning service on the day of the canvass, and then went out and practically completed it in one day. Rev. George E. Atkinson has just finished six years as pastor.

**PACIFIC GROVE.** At the Fellowship Hour on Thursday, Rev. John H. Hunter has been giving an exposition of the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday. The younger women of the missionary society presented "The Spirit of Christmas" as a candle-light service on December 15. Christmas carols were sung for the benefit of shut-ins by representatives of the choir and young people's organizations.

**PESCADERO.** Rev. J. C. Kelsey, pastor of the Methodist Church at Half Moon Bay, is now serving the Congregational Church in Pescadero, and has found an encouraging response.

**AMBROSE.** At a special meeting of the Upper Bay Association, held on January 3, it was voted to recommend to the Ambrose Community Congregational Church that it settle its obligations to the Building Society and disorganize. This action was the culmination of a long series of events and negotiations.

A group within the church who desired a more emotional type of religion were instrumental in bringing to the community representatives of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The effort was encouraged by Rev. Raymond L. Cramer, former pastor of the Ambrose church and now a minister of the Alliance fellowship. The church became about equally divided upon the subject, but finally both groups agreed to be bound by the decision of the Upper Bay Association. The Association deeply regretted, and in fact condemned the action of the Alliance group, but felt that it was impossible to heal the breach, and the Congregational denomination could not be a party to the unholy competition which would result if we were to continue in the community. The findings were deeply disappointing to a few loyal people, who will probably affiliate with our Pittsburg church. Among these should be mentioned Mr. W. H. Sipe, who was clerk and a deacon of the church from the beginning, and who has been loyal and generous in his support.

Thus closes a chapter in which again it is revealed how far we are from the simple ethical principles of our Lord.

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY.** Six new members have been received into the church, four of them on confession of faith. This brings the membership up to 79. The congregation is almost always larger than the membership. Because of the possible loss of the present meeting place, which has been rented for the last two or three years, a building committee has been appointed and is in active search for a suitable property as a permanent church home. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, the pastor, has taken the first steps to transfer his ministerial standing from the Presbyterian to the Congregational denomination.

**OAKLAND, FRUITVALE.** Here is a record which stands without parallel. One hundred per cent of the families of this church are now subscribers to The Pacific, through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr. On December 1, eighteen persons were received into membership, sixteen of them adults. During December, at the Sunday evening forum, the following subjects were discussed: "Does the Revolution in Mexico affect the United States?" "Has Modern Journalism a Bad Influence on Our Nation?" "The Movies and the Mind in the Making"; "Unemployment —its Social Aspects."

SAN FRANCISCO
HOTEL Stewart
Down town. Moderate rates for high-class accommodations, beginning at $1.50 without bath, $2.00 with bath. Excellent meals. CHAS. A. and MARGARET STEWART, Proprietors.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

## PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held at North Congregational Church, Walnut and Cedar Streets, Berkeley, on January 16-17, 1936.

The program will center about the theme "Ourselves—as Individuals and as Component Parts That Make Humanity." The meeting will open at 2:15 on Thursday afternoon, with the President, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, presiding. Mrs. T. E. Borden will conduct a symposium on "The Year in Retrospect."

The Fellowship Dinner will be served at 6:30, at which Rev. E. W. Benedict, pastor of the church, will welcome the Federation; a group of songs will be given by Vera Haynes, and a reading by Louane Leech of Petaluma, followed by an address by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on "A Drama of Christian Imperatives."

On Friday morning at 10:30, reports will be given, then an address by Mrs. Harold T. Spence of Africa on "A Far View of Missions." Election and installation of officers, and the president's address, will follow.

Luncheon at 12:30, with Mrs. E. W. Benedict presiding, will precede an afternoon session of devotion and inspiration, at which Rev. Clarence Reidenbach will speak on "The Spiritual Values of Prayer." The meeting will close with the Communion Service, led by Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, of Soquel.

The dinner on Thursday evening will be fifty cents, and the luncheon on Friday, thirty-five cents. Reservations for both, with the names of the persons using them, should be sent by Tuesday, January 14, to Mrs. H. W. Miler, 1811 Bonita Avenue, Berkeley. Delegates desiring overnight entertainment may communicate with Mrs. Harry Fowden, 1437 Bonita Avenue, Berkeley.

## Message of Prayer Guild Secretary

As we approach the beginning of a new year, let us discover Christ's message for our spiritual lives: "But I say unto you, pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you."

"He took Peter and John and James, and went into a mountain to pray, and as he prayed, his countenance was altered." "He said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation."

Prayer is one means of self-development, accessible to everyone. If it is not developed it remains latent until shocked into action by some grief, anxiety or danger. While one can pray anywhere, at any time, it is only through regular devotions that we learn the art.

We are invited to a richer and more satisfying prayer life during the new year. When Jesus took his friends up into the mountain to pray, "his countenance was altered." Cannot we pledge ourselves to a period of prayer each day, and thus may not the countenance of our everyday lives be altered and those about us come to know that we have been with God? Let us pray for greater faith, for more love, for a thankful spirit, for keenness to discover our own faults and strength to correct them.

The following helps may be secured at our Conference office: Congregational Handbook (5c each)—there is much valuable information besides suggested Bible readings for the year. Devotional Series No. 1, "The Highway"; No. 2, "The Path of Courage"; No. 3, "The Valor of the Soul"; No. 4 will be ready following Easter. These are all 15c each. The Fellowship of Prayer for 1936 has been prepared by Rev. Raymond C. Brooks of Claremont, former pastor of First Church, Berkeley. Those of us who know Dr. Brooks are looking for it with joyous expectancy. Order now.

"The Fellowship of Those Who Care," is the fellowship of those who pray daily and earnestly "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven." They are the ones who honestly care what happens in this world. No one knows how many belong to this Fellowship, but that the number is increasing one can scarcely doubt.

This leaflet, published for the American Board but without expense to it, seeks to encourage the habit of daily private prayer for the great ends which the American Board is set especially to serve. It will appear monthly with occasional special numbers. If you wish to receive a copy regularly for a year, send your request with two five-cent stamps to H. L. Meeken, Agent, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

The World Day of Prayer will be February 28.

## DOSHISHA CELEBRATES

In the Doshisha Weekly Calendar, under date of November 23, 1935, considerable space is given to the letters and cables of congratulation which were received upon the 60th anniversary of the founding of the institution. Among others we find the following (addressed to Miss Denton) from Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Berkeley. "I am writing as President of the continuing part of the Woman's Board for the Pacific to express to you and through you to your associates our congratulations on this sixtieth anniversary of the Doshisha. Such an occasion seems to me very valuable in its memories and in its evaluation of progress made, so evident when one can look back over a period of time. . . . It warms the heart to think of the noble souls who gave of their best to the Doshisha and of those who have been enobled through its services. . . . We pray that this blessed retelling of the tale of wonders wrought in His name may strengthen both you and us."

On November 26, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, our President, and Mrs. Robert Steitz of Petaluma, visited the women of Bethany Armenian Church in their new Oakland home. This was the first meeting of the women after the Bethany congregation had moved into what was formerly the Oakland Calvary Church. Mrs. Greene led the regular monthly prayer meeting, using the theme of personal devotion. Mrs. N. Agabashian most graciously entertained Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Steitz at luncheon in her home.

The Congregational Ministers' Wives' Club will hold its first meeting of the new year at the University Christian Church, Le Conte and Scenic Avenues, Berkeley, on Wednesday, January 22. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the church at 35 cents per plate. It is hoped that many wives who will be here with their husbands during the 16th Annual Pastoral Conference in the same building, will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet with the club.

# THOSE QUOTAS

Within a few weeks the Social Welfare Secretary will send to each society its missionary quota, that is, the list of articles it is requested to send to certain schools and hospitals of our mission boards.

The American Board and the Home Boards do not receive funds adequate to provide salaries and complete equipment for their institutions, so they ask the women's societies of the churches throughout the country to send needed articles of equipment directly to these schools and hospitals. Every fall these institutions send in to their respective secretaries their requisitions for the following year. The needed articles are then assigned to the various State Federations, care being taken that both home and foreign stations shall be included in every such assignment. Then the Social Welfare Secretary of the State Federation divides her list among the women's societies of the State. In Northern California the response to this appeal has been most gratifying throughout the years, both in the number of societies contributing, and in the value of articles and money sent. Only new articles are requested, these including bedding, table linens, towels, curtains, hospital supplies of many kinds, kimonos, layettes, etc. Money is usually sent to the foreign stations because of the high cost of transportation of parcels. During 1935 our quotas have been sent to six homeland schools and hospitals, and four foreign ones, namely: Flint Goodridge Hospital of Dillard University, New Orleans; Tillotson College, Texas; Santee Normal Training School, Nebraska; Grants Hospital, New Mexico (formerly at Cubero); Modoc County Indians; Indian School at Ft. Berthold, No. Dakota; Amanzimtoti Institute, Natal; Dondi, Portuguese West Africa; Wai Hospital, India; and Fenchow, China.

The Federation believes that the filling of these quotas should stimulate interest in the recipient institutions. Descriptive leaflets of most of them are available, and every month the Missionary Herald has illustrated articles about one or more of the mission stations.

It is impossible at this writing to give our readers the story of 1935 benevolences. The books are still open and money is coming in at the rate of several hundred dollars a day, from churches that delay remittances until the very end. We are able, however, to announce that the Thank Offering has passed the $1000 mark, which is quite an increase over last year. Superintendent Gill hopes to be able to take to the Mid-Winter Meetings a report of improvement in the regular apportionment as well as in the Thank Offering.

### "IF"

**Howard Parsons**

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling. Used at the ordination of Richard Carter.)

If you can preach,
  Yet not become professional;
If you can play,
  Yet keep your dignity;
If you've an ear
  To hear the heart's confessional;
If you've a soul
  That's rich in sympathy;

If you can read,
  Yet not become pedantic,
But take great thoughts
  And make them clear to men;
If you can talk
  And not be too dogmatic,
Yet speak the truth
  By word and deed and pen;

If you can call
  Enough on all your people,
And bless each place
  With friendship's flavor rare;
If each and all
  Who worship 'neath this steeple
Find here the grace
  And beauty wrought by prayer;

If you can love
  Without discrimination
Both young and old,
  And serve their several need;
If you can prompt
  To nobler aspiration
Each humble soul,
  The deeper hungers feed;

If you can pour
  As wine, your heart's rich treasure,
And freely give
  Your life as broken bread,
You may partake
  The very Master's pleasure,
Building the Church
  Of which He is the Head.

—From New Hampshire Congregational-Christian Record.

## Helps for New Members

A few weeks ago the Commission on Evangelism sent a communication to pastors enclosing copies of new membership cards, applications for church membership, and other material helpful in membership campaigns. The Conference office has secured a limited supply of the following: "An Invitation to Unite with the Congregational Church" (4-page folder, free); "Application for Membership" (card, free); "Appreciation the Church" by Stocking, (8-page folder priced at 1 cent); "Some Questions Answered," (8-page folder priced at 1 cent), and "What It Means to Be a Member of the Congregational Church" by Fifield (12-page folder with application attached, priced at 1 cent). An early request will insure delivery of the material from the Conference office.

INURNMENT

Three Fine Chapels
Excellent Music and Service
Garden Columbarium under
Perpetual Care

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES

4499 PIEDMONT AVENUE

Oakland

Director: Lawrence F. Moore